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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INFORMAL FINDINGS OF AG/IIS INSPECTION

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1. EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER HAS TELEPHONED AND CALLED ON GON PROTOCOL OFFICER ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF REFUNDS OF PAST EXCISE TAXES ON POL PRODUCTS PURCHASED BY EMBASSY AND AID. EMBOFF NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED REFUND CHECKS WHICH NEPALESE CUSTOMS OFFICIAL HAD PROMISED SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF 1969 NOTE FROM GON STATING EMBASSY WOULD RECEIVE REFUND OF BACK TAXES AT RATE RS. 100,000 ANNUALLY.

2. GON OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT HE WAS IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH CUSTOMS ON QUESTION OF "NEW" REFUNDS (I.E., COVERING PERIOD 1972/73/74). CUSTOMS SEES NO PROBLEMS, AND EMBASSY SHOULD RECEIVE REFUND FOR ENTIRE PERIOD WITHIN WEEK OR TWO. WHEN THESE REFUNDS RECEIVED, EMBASSY WOULD PLAN TO MAKE DEFINITIVE COST BREAKDOWN AND ADJUST PRICES ACCORDINGLY.

3. QUESTION OF ANNUAL RS. 100,000 REFUND OF TAXES DATING BACK SEVERAL YEARS SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLICATED. COMPLETE GON FILE DESTROYED IN SINGHA DURBAR FIRE OF 1973. GON OFFICIAL STATES QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AGAIN, PROBABLY FINANCE MINISTRY. HE PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY FULLY INFORMED.

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4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL APPROACH GON

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AT HIGHER LEVEL IF PROMISED REFUNDS ON 1972/73 TAXES NOT RECEIVED
BY END OF MARCH.
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